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In re Application of: R. W. MARSH ET AL.

Application No.: 09/823,199

Group Art Unit: 3763

Filed: MARCH 30, 2001

Examiner: A. Y. LAM

For: **VARIABLE EXTENSION COMBINED  
SPINAL/EPIDURAL NEEDLE SET AND  
METHOD FOR ITS USE**

Date: SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

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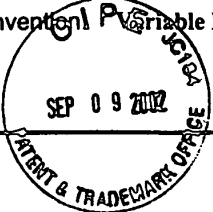
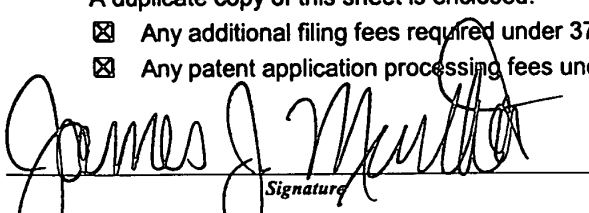


Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002. Kindly  
amend the application as follows:

19 (New). A needle including:

an elongate tube defining a longitudinal axis having a proximal end, a distal end  
and an axial bore having an inside diameter therethrough;

a hub having a proximal end, a distal end and an open passageway therethrough,  
the hub being attached to the elongate tube so that the hollow bore of the elongate tube is  
in fluid communication and substantial axial alignment with the open passageway, the  
hub further having a cavity disposed therein between the proximal end and the distal end  
of the hub;

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. <b>P-4154P1</b>
Applicant(s): <b>Marsh et al.</b>			
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Invention: <b>Variable Extension Combined Spinal/Epidural Needle Set and Method for Its Use</b> <div style="float: right; text-align: right;">COPY OF PAPER ORIGINALLY FILED</div>			
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.			
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CC:		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">         I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <b>9-3-02</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.            Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence  <b>Kathleen Monesteri</b>          Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence       </div>	